WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Overstay by Pak nationals

*22. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistani nationals are residing in India even after the expiry of their visas;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons detained so far in this connection and what steps are being taken to repatriate them to Pakistan; and

(c) whether Government propose to frame certain guidelines to be applicable to Pakistani nationals who stay beyond their visa period; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Elaborate procedure governing the entry into India, stay and exit from India in respect of Pakistani nationals have been prescribed. Persons who come on valid travel documents do sometimes overstay with or without the approval of the authorities. This is a continuous process and no precise figures can be given in respect of the Pak. nationals detained in this connection so far. At the end of May 31, 1987, 2177 Pak. nationals were overstaying with valid travel documents while 2223 without travel documents or with expired passports. Besides 1759 Pak. nationals were reported untraced. State Governments have standing instructions to deal with them in accordance with the provisions of Foreigners Act. Efforts have been intensified to detect those who have been reported utnraced or missing.

Fire fighting arrangemtnts in hig rise Buildings in Delhi

*23. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken or porpose to take to ensure that satisfactory fire fighting arrangements and safe rescue routes are inbuilt in all the high rise buildings in view of the fire tragedy at 'Ansal Bhavan' in New Delhi recently and similar tragedies on earlier occasions in high rise buildings in Delhi; and

(b) how many high rise buildings in Delhi do not have such facilities and by when they have been directed to install these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Building Bye-laws, 1983 came into force in Jne, 1983 Under these bye-laws, it has become necessary to obtain a 'No objection Certificate' from the Chief Fire Officer, before a completion certificate is granted for a building. In order to enforce fire safety measures in the buildings which had come up before June, 1983, the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Society Act was enacted and it came into force in March this year. It provides for penalty of imprisonment and fine, if the directions of the Chief Fire Officer are not carried out.

(b) There are 194 high-rise buildings in Delhi where adequate fire-safety requirements have not so far been provided. Legal notices have been issued to the owner/occupier of these buildings to provide the inbuilt fire safety requirements by 30th Septemeber, 1987.

New Consumer Price Index

* 24. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a

new Consumer Price Index (PCI) with 1982 as the base year has been compiled;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Central Trade Unions were consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new series of Consumer Price Index Numbers will be more broad-based covering 7 sectors of employment, namely, factories, mines' plantations, motor transport, electricity generation and distribution, Ports & Docks and Railways, as against 3 sectors in the existing series with 1960 as the base year. The new series will use indices of 70 Centres all over the country as against 50 centres in the current all over the country as against 50 centries in the current series. In the case of rationed commodities, the new price index will take into account actual availability of supply at Fair Price Shops, rather than the admissible quantum. The number of markets covered has been increased from 142 to 226 The new series covers more items in the consumption basket as compared to the existing series;

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

1. Centre level—In all the 76 centres covered, available representatives of trade unions of workers, associations of employeers, concerned state Government officers were consulted on main working class areas and retail markets catering to them, by Labour Bureau Officers during 1980-81.

2. State level—Centre level discussions were followed by state level meetings at following places on dates given. In these meetings all recognised trade unions of workers, associations of employers at state level and concerned state government officers were invited to discuss (i) Selection of markets (ii) Price collection schedules (iii) Family budget schedule (iv) Centres selected, sample size fixed, selection of families etc.

Place	Date
1. Bombay	29 9.80
2. Poona	2.10.80
3. Bangalore	21 10.80
4. Panaji	25.10.80
5. Ahmedabad	26.11.80
6. Madras	3.12.80
7. Pondichery	4.12.80
8. Delhi	30.8.80
9. Calcutta	15.12.80, 20.1.81
10. Patna	20.12.80
11. Kanpur	23.12.80
12. Trivandrum	6.1.81
13. Haderabad	9.1.81
14. Bhubaneswar	17.1.81
15. Indore	3.2.81
16. Jaipur	6.2.81
17. Gauhati	26.2.81

A national level tripartite meeting was held at Delhi on 8.1.87 to discuss the new index with 1982 as the base year. This was followed by five regional tripartite meetings at the following places:

Place	Date
1. Kanpur	20.2.87
2. Madras	3.3.87
3. Bombay	6.3.87
4. Delhi	18.3.87
5. Calcutta	2.7.87

Sick Textile Mills

*25. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills that have fallen sick since the introduction of the new Textile Policy;